

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A control apparatus, comprising:

receiving means for receiving a remote control
signal transmitted from a remote controller;

5 judgment means for judging an external equipment
corresponding to the remote control signal; and

transmitting means for transmitting control data
corresponding to the remote control signal to the
external equipment judged.

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2. A control apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said transmitting means is a digital interface
based on the IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

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3. A control apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said control apparatus is a digital video
recorder.

20 4. A control apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said control apparatus is a TV monitor.

5. A control apparatus, comprising:

selection means for selecting an external
equipment;

25 receiving means for receiving a remote control
signal transmitted from a remote controller; and
transmitting means for transmitting control data

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corresponding to the remote control signal to the external equipment selected.

6. A control apparatus according to claim 5,
5 wherein said transmitting means is a digital interface based on the IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

7. A control apparatus according to claim 5,
10 wherein said control apparatus is a digital video recorder.

8. A control apparatus according to claim 5,
wherein said control apparatus is a TV monitor.

9. A control method, comprising the steps of:
15 receiving a remote control signal transmitted from a remote control controller;
judging an external equipment corresponding to the remote control signal; and
20 transmitting control data corresponding to the remote control signal to the external equipment judged.

10. A control method according to claim 9, wherein
25 the control data are transmitted to the external equipment through a digital interface based on the IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

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11. A control method according to claim 9, wherein said control method is to control the operation of a digital video recorder.

5 12. A control method according to claim 9, wherein said control method is to control the operation of a TV monitor.

10 13. A control method, comprising the steps of:
 selecting an external equipment;
 receiving a remote control signal transmitted from a remote controller; and
 transmitting control data corresponding to the remote control signal to the external equipment
15 selected.

20 14. A control method according to claim 13, wherein the control data are transmitted to the external equipment through a digital interface based on the IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

25 15. A control method according to claim 13, wherein said control method is to control the operation of a digital video recorder.

 16. A control method according to claim 13, wherein said control method is to control the operation of a TV monitor.

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